AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

<u>Listing of Claims</u>

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1-21. Cancelled.

22. (Previously Presented) A method in a data processing system for selectively transmitting an email attachment of an email, the method comprising:

selecting, by a sender, email attachment recipients, selectable notification recipients, and excluded recipients for the email to be sent, wherein the excluded recipients do not receive the email attachment;

receiving, from the sender, an instruction to add a selectable notification for the email attachment to the email to be sent to the selectable notification recipients;

transmitting the email to the email attachment recipients, the selectable notification recipients, and the excluded recipients; and

receiving the email attachment by both the selectable notification recipients, who activated the selectable notification, and the email attachment recipients.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising prompting, in response to activating the selectable notification, to optionally add comments before the selectable notification recipients receive the email attachment.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising prompting, in response to activating the selectable notification, the sender to locate the email attachment for the selectable notification recipients before the selectable notification recipients receive the email attachment.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising receiving, by the excluded recipients, an indication in the email that the email had the email attachment despite the email attachment being unavailable to the excluded recipients.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein receiving an instruction to add a selectable notification comprises inserting code in the form of a markup language for allowing the selectable notification recipients to receive the email attachment.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein receiving an instruction to add a selectable notification comprises inserting, into the email, an icon linked to code for allowing the selectable notification recipients to receive the email attachment.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein receiving an instruction to add a selectable notification comprises inserting, into the email, an icon linked to code for allowing the selectable notification recipients to receive the email attachment based on one or more preferences.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the selecting the email attachment recipients comprises selecting persons the sender chooses to receive the email attachment with the email and without the selectable notification.

30. (Previously Presented) A device in a data processing system for selective transmission of an e-mail attachment for an email, the device comprising:

an email client for composing the email to be sent to email attachment recipients, selectable notification recipients, and excluded recipients, wherein the excluded recipients do not receive the email attachment;

a notification incorporator, in communication with the email client, to add a selectable notification for the email attachment to the email to be sent to the selectable notification recipients;

a code associator, in communication with the notification incorporator, to associate code with the selectable notification for fetching then email attachment in the email to be sent to the selectable notification recipients; and

another email client for receiving the email attachment by both the selectable notification recipients, who activated the selectable notification, and the email attachment recipients.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the notification incorporator prompts a sender at the email client to select the email attachment recipients, the selectable notification recipients, and the excluded recipients.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the notification incorporator comprises an icon selector for the selectable notification.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the notification incorporator comprises preferences associated with the email attachment.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the code associator comprises code comprising a markup language.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the code associator comprises a code generator to generate code, upon activation of the selectable notification, in accordance with one or more preferences associated with the email attachment.

[[37]]36. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 30, further comprising an attachment responder for prompting a sender before transmission of the email attachment to the selectable notification recipients, who activated the selectable notification.

[[38]]37. (Currently Amended) A machine-accessible medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations for selective transmission of an e-mail attachment for an email, comprising:

selecting, by a sender, email attachment recipients, selectable notification recipients, and excluded recipients for the email to be sent, wherein the excluded recipients do not receive the email attachment;

receiving, from the sender, an instruction to add a selectable notification for the email attachment to the email to be sent to the selectable notification recipients;

transmitting the email to the email attachment recipients, the selectable notification recipients, and the excluded recipients; and

receiving the email attachment by both the selectable notification recipients, who activated the selectable notification, and the email attachment recipients.

[[39]]38. (Currently Amended) The machine-accessible medium of claim [[38]]37, wherein the operations further comprise instructions for prompting, in response to activating the selectable notification, to add comments and to locate the email attachment before the selectable notification recipients receive the email attachment.

[[40]]39. (Currently Amended) The machine-accessible medium of claim [[38]]37, wherein the instructions for receiving an instruction to add a selectable notification comprise inserting, into the email, code in the form of a markup language for allowing the selectable notification recipients to receive the email attachment.

[[41]]40. (Currently Amended) The machine-accessible medium of claim [[38]]37, wherein the instructions for receiving an instruction to add a selectable notification comprise inserting, into the email, an icon linked to code for allowing the selectable notification recipients to receive the email attachment optionally based on preferences.